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<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u> This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1.- 17. Cancelled

- 18. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting a safety-critical operating condition of a safety-critical system of a motor vehicle to the driver, wherein measures are provided making the driver aware of the safety-critical operating condition by way of an impaired comfort, wherein the measures involve a non-driver initiated deactivation of the internal combustion engine during standstill of the motor vehicle.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures are taken on a temporally limited basis, and/or a recurrent basis or a combination thereof.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures are carried out in consideration of the current driving situation.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the selection of the measures depends on the duration, and/or the seriousness or the duration and seriousness of the safety-critical operating condition as regards the safety of operation of the motor vehicle.

22. Cancelled

23. (Currently Amended) The A method for transmitting a safety-critical operating condition of a safety-critical system of a motor vehicle to the driver, wherein measures are provided making the driver aware of the safety-critical operating condition by way of an impaired comfortas claimed in claim-18, wherein the measures involve an-a non-driver initiated actuation of the an acoustic alarm device (horn) unwanted by the driver when the doors of the motor vehicle are opened and closed.

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- 24. (Currently Amended) The-A method for transmitting a safety-critical operating condition of a safety-critical system of a motor vehicle to the driver, wherein measures are provided making the driver aware of the safety-critical operating condition by way of an impaired comfortas claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures involve an a non-driver initiated operation of the electric window lifters during standstill of the motor vehicle what is unwanted by the driver.
- 25. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures involve a <u>non-driver initiated</u> deactivation of the multimedia device <u>unwanted by the driver</u>.
- 26. (Currently Amended) The A method for transmitting a safety-critical operating condition of a safety-critical system of a motor vehicle to the driver, wherein measures are provided making the driver aware of the safety-critical operating condition by way of an impaired comfortas claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures involve a raised temperature indication or an incorrect rotational speed indication of the internal combustion engine of the motor vehicle.
- 27. (Currently Amended) The A method for transmitting a safety-critical operating condition of a safety-critical system of a motor vehicle to the driver, wherein measures are provided making the driver aware of the safety-critical operating condition by way of an impaired comfortas claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures represent a faulty oil-level tell-tale or a faulty tank capacity tell-tale.
- 28. (Currently Amended) The-A method A method for transmitting a safety-critical operating condition of a safety-critical system of a motor vehicle to the driver, wherein measures are provided making the driver aware of the safety-critical operating condition by way of an impaired comfortas claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures involve an-a non-driver initiated actuation of the electrically adjustable outside rearview mirrors or the electrically adjustable seats during standstill of the motor vehicle unwanted by the driver.
- 29. (Currently Amended) The-A method A method for transmitting a safety-critical operating condition of a safety-critical system of a motor vehicle to the driver, wherein measures are provided making the driver aware of the safety-critical operating condition by way of

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an impaired comfortas claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures involve a non-driver initiated switching on the dimmed headlight-unwanted by the driver.

- 30. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures involve a non-driver initiated switching off the power steering system-unwanted by the driver.
- 31. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the measures involve an additional signal in a brake system with electronically adjustable brake forces which influences the <u>a</u> desired brake force to such effect that a fluctuation of the <u>a</u> longitudinal deceleration can be detected which corresponds in its mean value per unit time to the desired brake force, however.
- 32. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the measures involve a change of the pedal-travel/brake-force characteristics.
- 33. (Currently Amended) Device for implementing the method as claimed in claim 18, wherein a central control unit is provided sensing the safety-relevant operating conditions and triggering measures.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 33, wherein the central control unit is integrated into an instrument combination device.